

ORGANIZATIONS SERVING AYAs

A growing number of organizations serve the needs of AYAs with cancer. Some organizations help young people cope or connect with peers who are going through the same things. Others address topics such as fertility, employment, survivorship and more. You are not alone.

Young Adults

- [American Society of Clinical Oncology \(ASCO\): Cancer in Young Adults](#)
Assists with diagnoses, working with your health care team, coping strategies, physical/sexual/emotional changes, support with relationships/school/work, managing during and after treatment as well as organizations that can provide different types of support.
- [LIVESTRONG: Adolescents and Young Adults](#)
Provides information on body image, dating and intimacy, family planning and fertility and creating community to share thoughts and feelings with other young adults (15-39) dealing with cancer.
- [Ulman Foundation](#)
Provides critical information and support services to help with issues unique to adolescents and young adults (15-39) including support and networking groups, information about college scholarships and other education concerns, fertility resources, patient advocate/navigator programs and network for survivors and loved ones.
- [Critical Mass: The Young Adult Cancer Alliance](#)
Helps cancer survivors, families and health care professionals locate accurate cancer information specifically for young adults (15-39) regarding types of cancer, physical issues, emotional and relationship concerns, day-to-day concerns and community resources.
- [The National Cancer Institute](#)
Information for adolescents and young adults focused on diagnosis, treatment and support resources.
- [3 Little Birds 4 Life](#)
An organization focused on giving adults currently managing cancer the experience of living life as if they were never diagnosed with cancer. Focusing on those between the ages of 25 and 55, they want to make sure people in this age group have a daily wish granted and are given the resources they might need to find help in all aspects on their journey.
- [Nikolas Ritschel Foundation](#)
A support and informational website for young adults age 18 to 24 living with cancer.
- [Young Survival Coalition \(YSC\)](#)
An organization dedicated to the critical issues facing young women who are diagnosed with breast cancer (40 and under). YSC offers resources, connections, and outreach so women feel supported, empowered, and hopeful.
- [College Students Living with Chronic Illness](#)
Tips for preparing for college following a cancer diagnosis.
- [Chemo Between Classes](#)
Advice for dealing with cancer during college from a young adult with cancer experience.
- [National Collegiate Cancer Foundation](#)
Provides services and support to young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer, need-based financial support to young adult survivors who are pursuing higher education and promotes awareness and prevention of cancer within the young adult community.
- [National Comprehensive Cancer Network](#)
The NCCN is a not-for-profit alliance of 30 leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education dedicated to improving and facilitating quality, effective, efficient, and accessible cancer care so patients can live better lives.

Teens and Adolescents

- [CureSearch](#)
Funds and supports cancer research for kids and teens (18 and under) and provides information and resources to anyone affected by childhood cancer.
- [13thirty Cancer Connect](#)
Helps adolescents and young adults impacted by cancer through resources focused on enhancing coping skills and self-esteem by building satisfying peer connections, learning to self-advocate, and developing effective self-management tools for long-term health.
- [TeensHealth](#)
Provides information on cancer and other topics.
- [The National Children's Cancer Society \(NCCS\)](#)
Provides emotional, financial, and educational support to children (18 and under) with cancer, their families, and survivors.
- [2bMe](#), a program by [Look Good...Feel Better](#)
Helps teens (13-17) dealing with the side effects (appearance-related, nutritional and social) of cancer treatment.
- [SuperSibs](#)
Dedicated to supporting siblings of children with cancer through scholarships, an ambassador program, and a comfort and care program.
- [GroupLoop](#)
A website about how to cope with being diagnosed with cancer designed with teenage cancer patients in mind.

Psychosocial Resources

- [CancerCare](#)
Services include counseling and support groups over the phone, online and in-person, educational workshops, publications and financial and co-payment assistance to anyone affected by cancer, including teens and young adults.
- [Imerman Angels](#)
Provides personalized connections that enable one-on-one support among cancer fighters, survivors and caregivers.
- [Lacuna Loft](#)
A nonprofit organization providing online support programs to young adult cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers offering diverse online programs regardless of diagnosis and regardless of where you live.
- [MyLifeLine.org](#)
Provides professional programs of emotional support, education and hope for people impacted by cancer at no charge so no one faces cancer alone.
- [Planet Cancer](#)
An online community of young adults between the ages of 20-30 with cancer.
- [Stupid Cancer](#)
Mission is to empower young adults (15-39) affected by cancer by ending isolation and building community. Plus, they also provide career-related tools and advice.
- [weSPARK](#)
Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for cancer patients, their families and friends, weSPARK provides, free of charge, multiple services designed to heal the mind, body and spirit of all those whose lives have been affected by cancer.
- [Dear Jack Foundation](#)
Provides programming to adolescents and young adults diagnosed with cancer in order to improve quality of life and create positive health outcomes from treatment to survivorship for patients and their families. Featuring one-on-one patient outreach and peer-to-peer group wellness programs.
- [Cancer Support Community](#)
Offers support and counseling for people with cancer and their families.
- [CancerMatch](#)
A networking and dating website for cancer survivors.
- [Young Adult Cancer Connection](#)
Provides a rare opportunity for young adults (18-39) and their caregivers to come together and work through the issues unique to our age group, discover emotional and clinical resources and, ultimately, know that we're not alone in our cancer experience.
- [Twist Out Cancer](#)
Enables anyone touched by cancer to connect and create through art projects and self-created challenges inspired by one's cancer experience.
- [Cancer Hope Network](#)
Matches those with cancer and their caregivers with trained volunteer cancer survivors who have gone through a similar cancer experience.
- [GRYT Health Cancer Community](#)
An app that connects people with cancer with others who are the same age and have a similar diagnosis.
- [CaringBridge](#)
Provides an online platform to keep family and friends apprised of your health care experiences.
- [My Lifeline](#)
Create a website to keep your family and friends updated, coordinate visits and assistance requests, and send out donation requests.

- [Smart Patients Young Adults Community](#)
An online community for young adults with cancer.
- [Hope for Two...The Pregnant with Cancer Network](#)
Provides resources and peer-peer support for women pregnant while dealing with cancer.
- [Hope for Young Adults with Cancer](#)
Provides financial assistance and regular social meetups for young adults with cancer (18-40).

Support Resources (Vocational, Financial, Legal, etc.)

- [Cancer and Careers](#)
Empowers and educates people with cancer to thrive in their workplace, by providing expert advice, interactive tools and educational events.
- [National Collegiate Cancer Foundation](#)
Provides services and support to young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer, need-based financial support to young adult survivors who are pursuing higher education and promotes awareness and prevention of cancer within the young adult community.
- [Cancer Finances](#)
A toolkit which provides information and tools to help make sound financial decisions before, during, and after cancer treatment.
- [Cancer Legal Resource Center, CLRC](#) (free Line: 866-843-2572, clrc@drlcenter.org)
Provides information and support to cancer patients, their families, healthcare professionals and advocates on cancer-related legal issues such as: maintaining employment through treatment, accessing healthcare and government benefits, taking medical leave, and estate planning. CLRC encourages those interested in their services to contact CLRC by e-mail.
- [Patient Advocate Foundation](#)
Provides legal counseling regarding access, to care job retention, and medical debt to those with cancer.
- [Livestrong](#)
Resources for working with your employer.
- [Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition \(CFAC\)](#)
CFAC is a coalition of financial assistance organizations joining forces to help cancer patients experience better health and well-being by limiting financial challenges.
- [The Job Accommodation Network \(JAN\)](#)
Free and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. Working toward practical solutions that benefit both employer and employee, JAN helps people with disabilities enhance their employability, and shows employers how to capitalize on the value and talent that people with disabilities add to the workplace.
- [National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship \(NCCS\)](#)
The mission is to advocate for quality cancer care for all people touched by cancer. Founded by and for cancer survivors, NCCS created the widely accepted definition of survivorship and defines someone as a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis and for the balance of life.

Fertility Information

- [“Cancer Treatments and a Woman's Fertility”](#), [“Cancer Treatments and Fertility – Options for Males”](#)
Short videos created by Seattle Children’s hospital discussing the specifics around the difficult choice of making fertility decisions.
- [The Oncofertility Consortium](#)
An interdisciplinary initiative that provides information and resources to help cancer patients navigate the complex fertility issues they face with information for patients, health professionals, scholars, teachers and students.
- [LIVESTRONG Fertility](#)
A national LIVESTRONG initiative dedicated to providing reproductive information, support and hope to cancer patients and survivors whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility. The focus is helping one understand their fertility risks and options and provides access to preservation discounts.
- <https://www.savemyfertility.org/>
A resource for adult cancer patients and the parents of children with cancer who want to learn more about preserving their fertility before and during cancer treatment, and protecting their hormonal health after treatment.
- [The American Cancer Society](#)
Offers information about the effects of cancer on fertility in both men and women and connection to resources (financial, social, etc.).
- [Cancer.org](#)
Discusses the fertility options for men before and after cancer treatment.
- [Fertile Action](#)
Provides education to patients and physicians, decreases fertility preservation costs by more than 50%, offers fertility scholarships on a sliding scale basis and advocates cancer doctors to have the fertility conversation with patients DURING the treatment planning phase.
- [Fertile Hope](#)
Discusses the issues surrounding fertility and have a risk and options calculator allowing patients to assess their risk of having infertility issues because of their specific cancer.
- [Alliance for Fertility Preservation](#)
Made up of a team of professionals (oncology, reproductive endocrinology, urology, psychology, oncology nursing, and reproductive law) who have chosen to join together to advance the field of fertility preservation.
- [The InterNational Council on Infertility Information Dissemination \(INCIID – pronounced "inside"\)](#)
A nonprofit organization that helps individuals and couples explore their family-building options. INCIID provides current information and immediate support regarding the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of infertility and pregnancy loss, and offers guidance to those considering adoption or childfree lifestyles. Additionally, they help individuals and couples by providing an In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Scholarship to those in need. Scholarships are reviewed monthly. The program will cover most of the basic IVF expenses.
- [The American Society for Reproductive Medicine \(ASRM\)](#)
A nonprofit organization of health care professionals in reproductive medicine and biology who provide answers to frequently asked questions about infertility, fact sheets and booklets about adoption, genetic screening for birth defects, infertility, in vitro fertilization, sexual dysfunction, reproduction information for cancer patients, and other topics related to reproduction and forms and publications regarding reproductive medicine needs and issues.
- [Your Fertility Friend](#)
Your Fertility Friend provides information about the entire IVF process from terms and procedures to costs.
 - <https://www.mskcc.org/cancer-care/patient-education/fertility-preservation-women-starting-treatment#>

Fertility Funding

- [Team Maggie](#)
Provides financial assistance to young women and men for the purpose of preserving eggs and sperm.
- [Reprotech Limited](#)
Make fertility preservation services more attainable, affordable and reliable, through ease of access, financial assistance, safety in shipping and security of storage.
- [Walgreens HEARTBEAT](#)
Preserving the Future Program via Walgreens has partnered with Ferring Pharmaceuticals to allow you to receive select fertility treatment products at no cost.
- [Fertility Within Reach](#)
Banking on the Future Program; individual grants to cover the cost of storing reproductive cells; up to age 21.
- [SAMFund](#)
Survivorship grant; can request up to \$4000 for reproductive health needs.
- [The Bone Marrow Foundation](#)
Lifeline Fund; cover costs associated with transplant; may include sperm banking/fertility.
- [Attain Fertility](#)
Provide information regarding causes of infertility, resources, finance, and support.
- [Cade Foundation](#)
Family Building Grant; up to \$10,000 towards costs of adoption or fertility treatment.
- [Fertility Savings](#)
Compassionate Cares Program eligible patients save 25% - 75% off price of medicine.
- [AGC: Hope Scholarship](#)
Financial grant for fertility tx; US citizens only; apply December to February.
- [Baby Quest Foundation](#)
Financial assistance for procedures such as egg/sperm donation, egg freezing, artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, embryo donation, and gestational surrogacy.
- [Journey to Parenthood](#)
Grant provides financial assistance for advanced fertility treatments such as IUI, IVF, egg donation, and surrogacy as well as adoption (private, foster care, domestic or international).
- [AAAA: Family Formation Charitable Trust](#)
Grants of \$500 - \$2,000. Application cycles end Sept 1 & March 1 annually; open to individuals/couples seeking to build family through adoption or assisted reproduction.
- [Specific to Veterans](#)
Tricare; SART; Compassionate Corps Program; Shady Grove Fertility; HRC Fertility
- [Allyson Whitney Foundation](#)
Provides 'Life Interrupted grants' covering IVF treatments.
- [Bonei Olam](#)
Assists with funding for all aspects of infertility related treatments. Programs can finance the necessary treatment prior to cancer treatment so it will be possible for individuals to build a family.

Survivorship

- [National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship \(NCCS\)](#)
Advocates assist cancer survivors through its publications and programs, which provide tools for self-advocacy and convenes other cancer organizations to address nationwide public policy issues affecting cancer survivors. NCCS also has a customized search for resources based on your type of cancer.
- [The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer](#)
Provides direct financial assistance and free online support and education to young adults, regardless of where they live or their specific cancer diagnosis.
- [I Had Cancer](#)
They provide members with the ability to connect and share personal experiences about cancer with others who really understand and engages all who are involved in an individual's cancer fight: the survivors, fighters, supporters and caregivers.
- [American Cancer Society](#)
A quick, easy-to-read information guide to help cancer survivors and their caregivers understand various aspects of the survivorship journey. The guide also includes trusted resources for survivorship information and encourages communication with health care professionals.

Miscellaneous

- <https://supportorgs.cancer.gov/home.aspx>
Cancer.gov is the central website for the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the U.S. government's principal agency for cancer research. The website offers free, credible, and comprehensive information about cancer prevention and screening, diagnosis and treatment, research across the cancer spectrum, clinical trials, and news and links to other NCI websites.
- [National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship](#)
Advocates for quality cancer care and provides resources to cancer survivors who are interested in advocacy.
- [Look Good...Feel Better® for Teens](#) (Free Line: 1-800-395-5665/1-800-395-LOOK)
A program created specifically for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 with cancer. Online resources include information on treatment-related precautions, as well as addressing topics on appearance, health and fitness, and relationships. Also, they teach beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. The program is open to all women who are in treatment for cancer. The website 2bMe allows teens to privately explore the different challenges caused by cancer and provides information on skincare, nutrition and social issues relevant to teens.
- [Bright Pink](#)
They focus on health to inspire women to practice breast and ovarian cancer prevention. They utilize digital (Assess Your Risk quiz) and in-person tactics to drive health behavior change.
- [Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered \(FORCE\)](#)
FORCE services and programs include: information on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, including cancer assessment/risk evaluation, diagnostic methods, prophylactic procedures, fertility issues and more, direction on resources available to determine if a higher risk of breast or ovarian cancer is present, education and support for managing and living with increased risk, tips on finding good health care, special clinics for high-risk women and clinical trials, a peer-support helpline, and connection to support (find local support groups, chat room, quarterly newsletter, annual conference on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer).
- [Children with Hair Loss](#)
CWHL provides a complete care kit along with a human hair replacement and support and education for individuals. Our services and products are provided free of charges to recipients annually until age 21.
- [Hair We Share](#)
Hair We Share gives a wig free of charge to children 18 years old and under with a medical hair loss condition. If over 18 years old, then they offer a free wig based on financial need and approval.
- [Cleaning For A Reason](#)
Provides free house cleaning services once a month for four months while a cancer patient is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Cleaning For A Reason matches you with a company in your area to clean your home.
- [HopeLab](#)
Develops social technologies to improve health and well-being such as their Re-Mission computer game where you can virtually blast cancer cells away.
- [Cancer Knowledge Network](#)
Provides resources and personal narratives focusing all aspects of living with cancer, such as music therapy, skin care, physical activity, working during chemo, and fertility preservation and publishes posts specifically on young adult cancer.
- [Starlight Children's Foundation](#)
A leading global charity that partners with experts to improve the life and health of kids (18 and under) and families around the world. Starlight funds critical needs expressed by more than 600 hospitals,

specialty clinics and camps, respite houses and hospices. Starlight programs offer entertainment, education and technology to critically, chronically and terminally ill children.

- [Teen Cancer America](#)
Creates state-of-the-art 'youth-focused' programs and facilities to meet the needs of teens and young adults with cancer (13-24 years old).
- [Vital Options](#)
A nonprofit organization that brings together cancer advocates from around the world.
- [Wish Upon a Wedding](#)
Grants weddings or vow renewals for couples facing terminal illness or serious, life-changing circumstances.
- [Craig Willinger Fund](#)
Grants trips to see soccer matches to young adults (10-25) with a cancer diagnosis.
- [Shay Sharpe's Pink Wishes](#)
Grants wishes to young women (age 40 and under) who have been diagnosed with terminal breast cancer.

Camps, Adventures and Retreats

- [Cancer.net](#)
Find a summer camp, a week-long retreat, or a weekend gathering where children, adults, and families can come together at camps specifically designed for people with cancer, survivors, and loved ones.
- [First Descents](#)
Provides life-changing outdoor adventures for young adults (ages 18 - 39) impacted by cancer and other serious health conditions and going through any stage of cancer treatment. You can choose from surfing, rock climbing and white water rafting. It helps if you can pay for your transportation to the location of your trip but, if not, they may help with that as well.
- [Compassion Partners](#)
An organization that provides free tickets to either Sea World or Universal Studios Orlando for adults with life changing illnesses like cancer. The patient or caregiver writes a letter requesting the tickets and your doctor confirms your diagnosis. Compassion Partners obtains a "Golden Ticket" which bypasses the lines. Their phone number is 407-396-5320.
- [The United Special Sportsman Alliance](#)
A wish-granting organization that specializes in providing children and adults with disabilities or advanced illness an outdoor adventure of their dreams. Trips include hunting, fishing, water sports, and other activities.
- [Casting for Recovery](#)
An organization that provides two and a half day retreats for women with breast cancer. The organization provides fly fishing lessons and breast cancer information in a setting that lessens isolation, providing a recreational activity with both physical and emotional benefits.
- [Project Koru](#)
Features Camp Koru, a camp to help cancer survivors diagnosed between 18-39 to find healing and renewal through outdoor experiences in the ocean and mountains where participants are given the tools, professional instruction and focused encouragement required to take on new challenges, such as surfing, standup paddling, outrigger canoeing, and snowboarding.
- [True North Treks](#)
Provides canoeing and backpacking treks in nature to help teens & young adults (18-40) with cancer find direction through connection after the very dis-connecting experience cancer can bring.
- [Athletes for Cancer](#)
Free adventure trips for young adults affected by cancer.
- [Send It Foundation](#)
Provides outdoor adventures for young adult cancer fighters (20-40).
- [Camp Mak-A-Dream](#)
Offers free, Montana-based retreats for young adults (18-40), teens, kids, women with cancer, and siblings of someone with cancer.
- [The Cassie Hinds Shoes Foundation](#)
Provides a weekend camp and social support for those who received a cancer diagnosis between ages 16-30 as well as financial support to attend other cancer camps and conferences.
- [Nicolas Ritschel Foundation](#)
Provides trip grants for young adults age 18-24 with a sarcoma diagnosis.
- [Camp Simcha](#)
Offers a free camp program to people between the ages of 6-20 in or out of treatment for cancer.
- [Survive and Thrive Cancer Programs](#)
Offers adventure expeditions for adults and their caregivers affected by cancer. This is not a cost-free program but, there are limited stipends available.
- [The Retreat Project](#)
Runs a yoga retreat for low income cancer survivors.

- [A Fresh Chapter](#)
Runs volunteer trips for adults, in or out of cancer treatment, and their caregivers (there is a program fee to participate).
- [Make-A-Wish](#)
“A wish experience can be a game-changer for a child with a critical illness” Make-A-Wish grants life-changing wishes for children going through terminal illness.
- [Dream Foundation](#)
Grants wishes to adults facing life threatening illness.

Media

- [Chasing Rainbows: Young Adults Living with Cancer](#)
This documentary interviews six young adults about their experience with cancer.
- [Life Interrupted Web Series](#)
The NY Times Emmy award winning video series documenting Suleika Jaouad's cancer experience.
- [Valleys](#)
Web Mini-Series exploring Amy and her best friend, Annie, as they discuss their adventures down the Colorado River and young adult cancer experiences.
- [I am a Visitor in Your World](#)
Documentary exploring Becca Babcock's experience with colon cancer and Familial Adenomatous Polyposis as a young adult.
- [Get Empowered](#)
A video series with advice for those who had cancer as a child.
- [Livestrong's Adolescent & Young Adult Resources](#)
Library of AYA cancer topic-specific information and videos.
- [New York Times "Life Interrupted" Column](#)
Read Suleika Jaouad's insightful personal account of her experience with cancer as a young adult.
- [Rodeo in Joliet](#)
Glenn Rockowitz's memoir detailing his experience with cancer as a young adult.
- [Terminally Illin'](#)
Kaylin Andres artistically depicts her experience with cancer as a 23 year old in this clever comic book.
- [Everything Changes: The Insider's Guide to Cancer in Your 20's and 30's](#)
Kairol Rosenthal offers advice and stories from 25 young adults with cancer experiences.
- [This Should Not Be Happening: Young Adults with Cancer](#)
Dr. Anne Katz composed this guide for young adults with cancer based on interviews with 20 members of the young adult cancer community.
- [Life, with Cancer: The Lauren Terrazzano Story](#)
Pulitzer Prize winning writer Lauren Terrazzano's advocacy and Newsday column detailing her experience with lung cancer under the age of 40.